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SUMMARY: POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER SA CARNEIRO SAID NOV 20

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THAT POPULAR DEMOCRATIC, SOCIALIST, INDEPENDENT, AND MILITARY

MINISTERS ALL SUPPORTED COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECISION TO SUSPEND ACTIVITIES. COMMUNIST-BACKED LISBON INDUSTRIAL WORKERS HAVE CALLED DEMONSTRATION FOR 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TODAY TO PROTEST DECISION. END SUMMARY

1. IN MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE, POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER SA CARNEIRO SAID THAT PPD, PS, INDEPENDENTS AND MILITARY MINISTERS ALL SUPPORTED AND WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT CONSEQUENCES OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CM) DECISION TO SUSPEND ACTIVITIES. PPD SOURCES TOLD EMBOFF THAT INITIATIVE FOR CM MOVE HAD COME FROM GROUP OF NINE. PPD, HE SAID, HAD FAVORED SUCH A MOVE FOR SOME TIME IN ORDER TO FORCE CONFRONTATION WITH LEFT. PS, WHICH, HE SAID, HAD MORE TO LOSE FROM CONFRONTATION, HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO TAKE STEP. COMMUNIST-LINING LISBON INDUSTRIAL BELT WORKERS HAVE CALLED FOR DEMONSTRATION AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AT 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TO PROTEST CM DECISION.

2. POLITICAL-MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

-- AFM "SELF-CRITICISM": GROUP OF AFM OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO ARMY CABINET FOR DYNAMIZATION (GABINETE DA DYNAMIZACAO DO EXERCITO -- GDE) RELEASED "SELF CRITICISM" OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT NOV 19. DOCUMENT IS SIMILAR IN TONE AND CONTENT TO THAT DRAFTED BY RADICAL COPCON OFFICERS IN AUGUST AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PROPOSALS OF GROUP OF NINE DOCUMENT. "CRITIQUE" WARNED THAT, IF AFM IS UNABLE TO REUNIFY ITSELF AROUND SOCIALIST PLATFORM AND LEAD PORTUGAL OUT OF PRESENT POLITICAL CRISIS, ITS AUTHORS WOULD SUPPORT ARMING PEOPLE FOR THEIR DEFENSE AGAINST REACTION.

-- BEIROLAS RESUMES OPERATIONS: RADICAL GARRISON OF BEIROLAS ARSENAL, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED ISSUANCE OF ARMS TO MILITARY UNITS, ON PRETEXT IT LACKED PERSONNEL TO ADEQUATELY DEFEND INSTALLATION, ANNOUNCED DECISION TO RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS NOV 19. SPOKESMAN FOR GARRISON UNIT ASSEMBLY, IN RESPONSE TO JOURNALISTS INQUIRY, STATED THAT, "IF NECESSARY", ARSENAL WOULD DISTRIBUTE ARMS TO POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE.

-- DINIS DE ALMEIDA TO STAY: MODERATE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
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MEMBERS' ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE RADICAL AND FLAMUOYANT MAJ. DINIS DE ALMEIDA FROM HIS POSITION AS SECOND IN COMMAND OF LISBON LIGHT ARTILLERY REGIMENT (RALIS) WERE DERAILED NOV 19 WHEN ALMEIDA ANNOUNCED HE WOULD DECLINE OFFER TO SERVE AS MILITARY ATTACHE TO MOZAMBIQUE. ALMEIDA ASSERTED HE HAD MADE DECISION AFTER RALIS UNIT ASSEMBLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT HIS DEPARTURE FROM UNIT.

-- PARATROOPERS: MAJORITY OF TANCOS PARTROOP SCHOOL AIRMEN AND SERGEANTS, WHOSE RADICAL VIEWS PROVOKED OVER 100 OFFICERS TO REQUEST TRANSFERS FROM THAT UNIT NOV 10, WERE PLACED ON PERMANENT LEAVE WITHOUT PAY STATUS NOV 20 BY AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF MARAIS DE SILVA. AIRMEN AND SERGEANTS RELEASED PRELIMINARY COMMUNIQUE REFUSING TO ACCEPT DECISION. IR 6879066675
DETAILS MORAIS DE SILVA'S PLANS TO DEAL WITH DISSIDENTS.

3. CUNHAL TRIP: COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP) SEC GEN ALVARO CUNHAL LEFT LISBON NOV 14 ON TRIP TO HUNGARY, POLAND, EAST GERMANY, AND THE USSR.

4. BAKERS DEMONSTRATION CANCELLED: MINISTER OF LABOR TOMAS ROSA HAS SUCCESSFULLY HEADED OFF A DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR NOV 20 BY THE BAKERS UNION BY A CALCULATED POLICY OF "PRE-EMPTIVE CAPITULATION". ROSA AGREED ON NOV 19 TO THE BAKERS DEMANDS FOR STANDARDIZED COUNTRYWIDE DAYTIME WORKING HOURS, AT NIGHTTIME WAGE RATES, THUS RESULTING IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE DEMONSTRATION. HOWEVER, THIS APPROVAL IS ONLY TEMPORARY UNTIL DEC 31, BY WHICH TIME A FULL STUDY WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE LABOR MINISTRY. ROSA TOLD LABATT ON NOV 19 THAT BAKERS IN SOME DISTRICTS OF PORTUGAL OPPOSE THE DAYTIME WORKING HOUR SCHEDULE. BY POSTPONING A CONFRONTATION WITH THE BAKERS AT PRESENT, HE EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO PLAY UPON INTERNAL DIVISIONS WITHIN THE UNION AND WEAKEN THE POSITION OF ITS COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP.

5. COMMENT: PS DECISION TO GO ALONG WITH CM DECISION IS AN INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH PARTY VIEWS THREAT PRESENTED BY COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO PARALYZE AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. CALLING OF TODAY'S RALLY AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE MARKS FIRST RESPONSE BY COMMUNISTS TO GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE.

6. ANTICIPATING CRITICISM BY WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES
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IN UPCOMING EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE, CUNHAL IS PROBABLY USING EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION.
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